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- Claims **30-51** have been cancelled.
- Claims **52-66** are pending.
- Claims **52, 65** and **66** are independent.

I. Section 112 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims **30-51** under Section 112 for failing to enable *at least one reconfiguration rule is indicated to the at least one player during at least a portion of game play*. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However, in light of Applicant's amendment canceling claims **30-51** in the instant response, the Examiner's rejection is moot. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection.

II. Section 103 Rejection

Claims **30-46** and **48-51** stand rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tetris Attack [Current Office Action, page 3]. Claim **47** is rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tetris Attack in view of Uproar.

In light of Applicant's amendment canceling claims **30-51** in the instant response, the Examiner's rejection is moot. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 103(a) rejection.

III. New Claims 52-66 Contain Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants assert that newly added claims **52-66** are neither anticipated nor made obvious by any reference in the record, alone or in combination. Specifically, neither Tetris Attack nor Uproar, alone or in combination, even hint at:

- (i) *prior to receiving a first game move, indicating to the player a first direction in which at least one game icon remaining after the first game move will shift **or***
- (ii) *receiving the first game move from the player, the first game move indicating at least one game icon of the plurality to remove from the game board **or***
- (iii) *shifting the at least one game icon remaining on the game board in the indicated first direction **or***
- (iv) *determine a second direction **or***
- (v) *after receiving the first game move and prior to receiving a second game move, indicate the second direction to the player.*

As such, Applicant submits that newly added claims **52-66** are in condition for allowance.

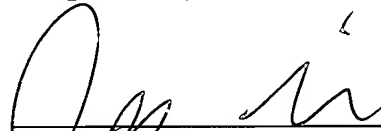
CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Jason Skinder at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at jskinder@walkerdigital.com.

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